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years of
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Community Calendar

Girl Scouts Beyond Bars

A fundraiser to celebrate 10 years of Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, a program for girls ages 5-17 with mothers at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, takes place Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite on the Fourth Floor of the NW Natural building, 220 N.W. Second Ave. Girl Scouts and their mothers submitted their favorite recipes for a cookbook to be sold at the event. For more information, call 503-977-6805.

Ballot Measure Forum

Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m., the League of Women Voters and the National Council of Jewish Women will present a forum to discuss Ballot Measures 49 and 50. The public is invited to this free event at 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

Home Buying Fair

Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the Portland Development Commission will be sponsoring an African-American Housing Fair to promote homeownership opportunities at the Emanuel Hospital Medical Building Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. Visit pd.com/housing or call 503-823-3400 for more information.

Sorority Waffle Breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon, Delta Sigma Theta will serve delicious waffles with a smile at the Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th; \$5 tickets are available at the door.

Widmer Evening Out

Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 11 p.m., fans of Widmer Brewing and the Widmer Gasthaus, 929 N. Russell, can spend an enjoyable evening out while helping to feed homebound seniors; half of all proceeds benefit the MLK Loaves & Fishes Center. Call 503-281-3333 for reservations.

St. Charles Spaghetti

Sunday, Nov. 4, from noon to 6:30 p.m., St. Charles Church, 5310 N.E. 42nd, invites guest to enjoy the delicious four-course spaghetti dinner and raffle. Take-out service is available; adults \$9, kids \$5; for more information, contact 503-281-6461.

Weatherization Workshops

Thursday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m., the Community Energy Project, 422 N.E. Alberta, will host free educational workshops to self-weatherize your home; qualifying participants will receive a free weatherizing kit. Free weatherization is available for seniors. Call 503-284-6827 to register.

Annual Rummage Sale

The Gatlin Gable Rummage Sale opens Thursday evening, Nov. 1, and continues with 10 a.m. openings through Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Portland Expo Center. Admission is free.

Green Gift That Grows

Friends of Trees is offering the gift that keeps on growing, plant a tree or a grove in honor or memory of someone; for more information, visit friendsoftrees.org.

Raymond Alexander Art

Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 27, at 5 p.m., the Talking Drum Bookstore, 446 N.E. Killingsworth, invites guests to experience a special appearance of Raymond Alexander, who has shown mastery of Abaca Art; for more information, call 503-288-4106.

Kenton Puppet Shows

Penny's Puppet Productions and the historic Kenton Fire House, 8105 N. Brandon Ave., team up to present regular puppet shows featuring: 'Sweet Tooth the Ghost' on Friday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Visit PennyPuppets.com or call 503-282-9207 for more information.

Learn to Make Recycled Art

Portland Community College offers a hands-on training to create art from recycled materials; classes will be held at the ReBuilding Center, 3625 N. Mississippi; call 503-731-6622 for more information.

Literacy Volunteers Needed

The Volunteer Literacy Program at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus needs volunteer tutors to provide free individualized instruction in basic literacy, English language and math skills. For more information, contact 503-244-3898 or visit oregonliteracy.org.

Restoring a Community Legend

Entertainment
night to support
Billy Webb Elks

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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A living institution of community pride is getting some help to refurbish its building and continue its historic mission for years to come.

One by one, longtime landmarks of Portland's African-American community have disappeared or lost their original owners. The Billy Webb Elks Lodge on North Tillamook Street, one of the oldest such buildings, faces the prospect of this fate with a determination to persevere.

That's why Jennifer Dishman, the lodge's manager, has enlisted the help of Wanda Broadous-Mills, a local entertainment promoter, to schedule a series of special fundraisers at the lodge, including this Friday, Oct. 26 at 9:30 p.m. with live music, DJs, raffles and food. A \$5 cover and all other donations will go to the Billy Webb Elks Lodge 1050 restoration project.

Broadous-Mills sent out a mass letter emphasizing the fun that everyone could have while making the effort to restore the legendary space.

"We are asking for your help in keeping gentrification from coming in and taking our North Portland Elks away from the people," Broadous-Mills says. "It's our last watering hole and place for live entertainment of all kinds. When it's gone it's gone."

The lodge has been identified as one of the most vulnerable African-American landmarks in the whole Pacific Northwest.

Built in 1921, the building served as an African-American YWCA and a meeting place for the NAACP before the Elks civic group took over its management. The Elks still give or rent out the large meeting space inside for many types of concerts and events.

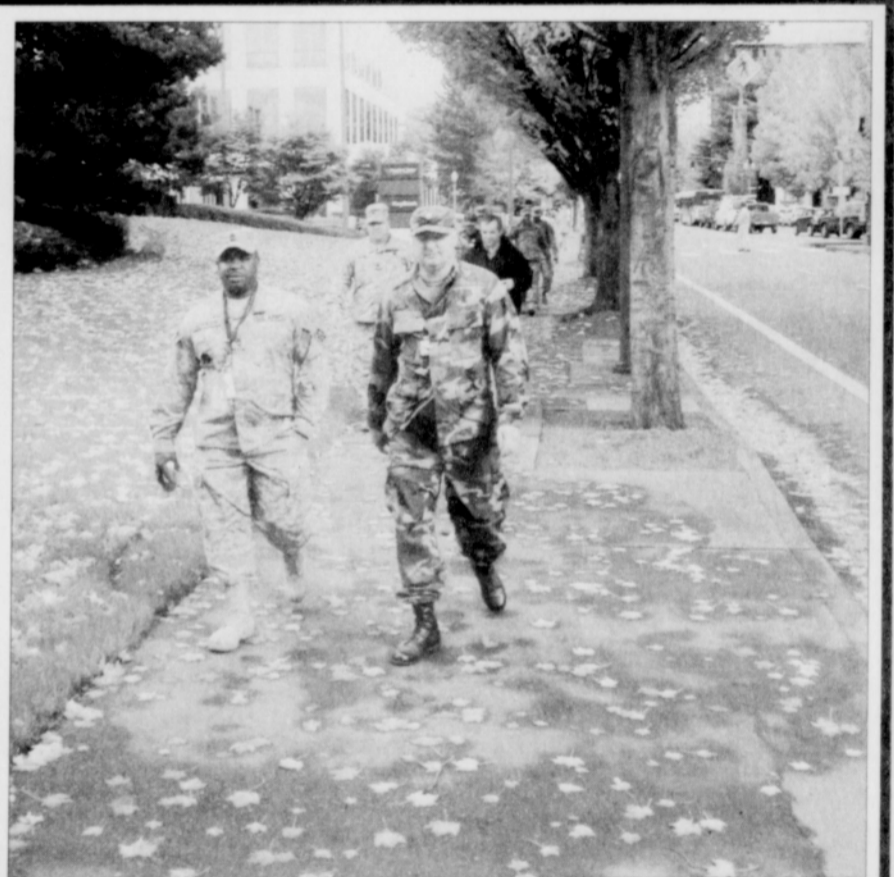
The building's leadership now fears that, barring major structural renovations, the community's meeting space faces significant structural risk.

"The bottom line is that we're in dire need of a roof," says Dishman. "Right now that's the main issue, because without a roof you can't do much."



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Jennifer Dishman welcomes the public to the Elks Lodge chapter she manages on North Tillamook Street at Williams Avenue.



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A police officer stands guard and U.S. Army personnel march in the evacuated Lloyd District following a bomb scare at the Doubletree hotel last Thursday that shut down Benson High School and the Max lines that run through the area.

Midtown Lockdown

Drill becomes
real thing in
Lloyd District

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Federal officials warned of possible disruptions related to last week's terrorism drills, but apparently no one was counting on shutting down a half-dozen central streets just before rush hour.

When three police dogs indicated the presence of an explosive device in the parking structure at the Doubletree Lloyd Center hotel, a quarter-mile radius was closed off and evacuated Thursday, separating hundreds of government workers from their cars, and for the afternoon shutting down Benson High School and Max lines through the area.

Getting a taste of the potential for actual responses to terrorism, busloads of com-

muters and students shuffled around the site while confusion reigned along the police lines. Various workers and shoppers who could not get to their cars in parking lots repeatedly asked officers if or when they could retrieve their vehicles. Sometimes explaining that it was a drill and sometimes indicating a bomb threat, officers told them to come back

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